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Company Notices.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Cannan Road, on MONDAY, the 18th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the 30th June, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 25, 1901. 1537

GREAT EASTERN & CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.,

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS of the above named Company will be held at the Co.'s Office, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, the 20th August, at 12.15 o'clock p.m., when the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Preference Shareholders held on the 20th of July, 1901, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That in lieu of making a Call, the Preference Shareholders do accept the proposal of the Liquidator to Divide the available assets among them."

THE LIQUIDATOR,
M. DENNECKE.

Hongkong, August 6, 1901. 1626

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st August, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1901, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 10, 1901. 1679

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the provisions of No. 121 of the Articles of Association the General Agents have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5 per cent. for the Half-year ending 30th June, 1901, on the Paid-up Capital.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE on SATURDAY, the 24th August, will be issued to Shareholders on Application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 30th August, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
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Hongkong, August 12, 1901. 1689

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 5% (Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per SHARE) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1901, will be PAID to those Persons who are Registered as Shareholders in the above Company on the 30th August, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 30th August, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 15, 1901. 1709

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Hongkong, August 14, 1901. 1693

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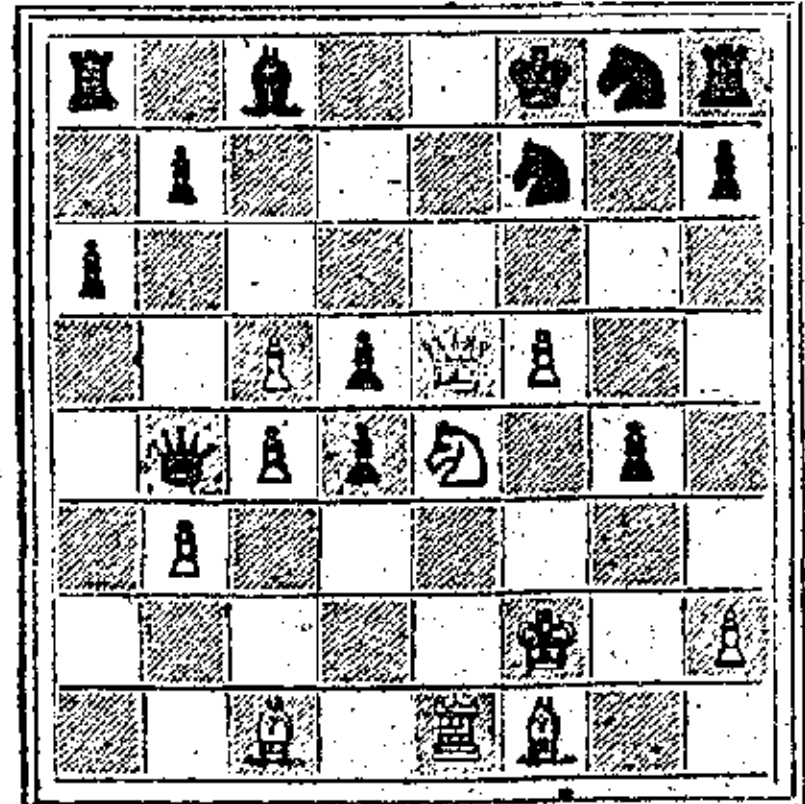
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END GAME.

The following is the ending of a game
played by the winner of the Carlsbad Chess
Club handicap tourney, Herr Victory Tietz,
who was giving the odds of a Rook. I will
give the play next week, but solvers will
find it interesting to work out what has
been termed a 'diabolical ending':

Problem No. 29.
Black (13 Pieces.)



White (11 Pieces.)

White to play and mate in eight moves.

Solution of Problem No. 28 (by F. Abadessa, of Palermo):—

White. Black.
1 Kt-Q8 1 KxR (a)
2 Q-B3 ch 2 KxP
3 mates.
(a) 1 1 BxR (b)
2 Q-B6 ch 2 KxP
3 Q-B3 mates.
(b) 1 1 Kt-Kt2
2 B-B4 ch 2 K-K4
3 QxP mates.
Correct solution with full analysis from
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B.B.—Did not know you were a chess-
player. Hope to have regular solutions
from you, though your last was incorrect.
It may be taken as a general rule that the
first move is never a capture. See correct
solution. Can't we arrange to have a game
together?

In connection with the recent Anglo-
American cable match, it is interesting to
learn on the authority of the Daily News,
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simply the ordinary English notation. A
code was tried once, but although cheaper,
it led to considerable risk of error. So the
moves are called, 'Pawn-King's four',
'Knight-King's eight', and so forth.

I am sure all local chess players will re-
gret to learn that my predecessor and
colleague—the other 'Black Bishop'—is
not returning to the Colony. As a chess-
player, Mr Barlow might have taken the
highest rank. He was an ardent student,
an original player, was not disappointed to
lose a game provided he did so brilliantly,
was a genial companion, and a rare good
fellow. As Secretary of the Hongkong
Chess Club, he did excellent work. I hope
he will be able to pursue his favourite game
in the popular chess resorts of London;
and I look forward to the time when I will
have the pleasure of his chaperonnage in
'the little village.' On behalf of all his old
chess companions I wish him a speedy re-
covery of good health in his native climate.

The following is a game played at Ham-
burg in 1885 by the late Herr J. V. Min-
ckwitz:—

White. Black.
Dr Tarrasch. J. V. Minckwitz.
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3 P-Q4 P-Q4
4 Kt-K5 Kt-B3
5 Kt-QB3 Kt-K5
6 Kt-Kt Kt-PxKt
7 Q-Q4 Q-K2
8 P-B3 P-Q4
9 B-Kt5 B-B4
10 B-Kt5 ch B-B4
11 Q-Q2 (a) P-Q4
12 Castles Q R (b) P-K R3 (c)
13 P-K R4 (d) B-K3
14 P-K5 P-Kt
15 Q-B4 P-B
16 B-PxP RxB
17 KxPxKt (e) BxB ch
18 KxR Q-Q ch (f)
19 B-Q3 BxP
20 Q-R4 P-Kt8-Q ch
21 K-K2 Q-K8 ch
Resigns.

(a) The opening is correctly played by
both sides so far. Here, however, the
Doctor makes a faulty combination with
Q-Q2, the right move being Q-Q3.
(b) Whether allowing his Knight to be
perished was design or accident is matter of
conjecture. It might be construed either
way, as apparently he saves the piece.

(c) Obviously the Knight cannot be taken
(d) Compulsory, for, if 13. BxKt, then
13... PxR, and if 13... B-B4, then 13...
P-Kt4, and in either case Black wins the
Knight.
(e) If 17. BxR, then 17... Kt-Kt sq.
(f) The winning move. The rest is easy.

The following game awarded a special
brilliance prize in the Tourney of the New
Jersey Chess Association. I take the score
and notes from the Illustrated London
News:—

Centre Gambit.
White. Black.
Mr Harfield. Mr Frederick.
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 P-Q4 P-Q4
3 QxP (a) Kt-QB3
4 Q-K3 Q-R3
5 B-Q3 Kt-R4
6 P-Kt4 Q-R5 ch
7 P-Kt Q-B3
8 P-Kt3 Q-B3
9 P-K5 (b) Q-QB3
10 Kt-Kt3 Kt-B4
11 Castles Kt-B4
12 Q-K2 B-B4 ch
13 K-Rt2 P-K R4
14 Q-K4 Q-K Kt3 (c)
15 Kt-B3 P-R5
16 K Kt-Kt5 PxP
17 PxP B-K2
18 Kt-Q5 B-B4
19 Kt+P ch Q-R4
20 Kt-R Q-Kt
21 Kt+P ch (d) Q-Kt3
22 B-Q2 B-B4
23 R-B3 Q-R4
24 K-B sq Q-R8 ch
25 K-K2 B-R7 ch
26 R-B2 R mates.

(a) A more venturesome and lively, if
not a sounder, game is produced by 3 Kt-
K4. The Centro Gambit is at best a
feeble opening.
(b) It is here, we believe, where White
begins to go astray. Kt-QB3 is better
play. There is an unaccountable re-
luctance on the part of some players to make
useful developing moves in the opening.

(c) This curious ending is well worth
following in detail.
(d) It seems the matter little; White is
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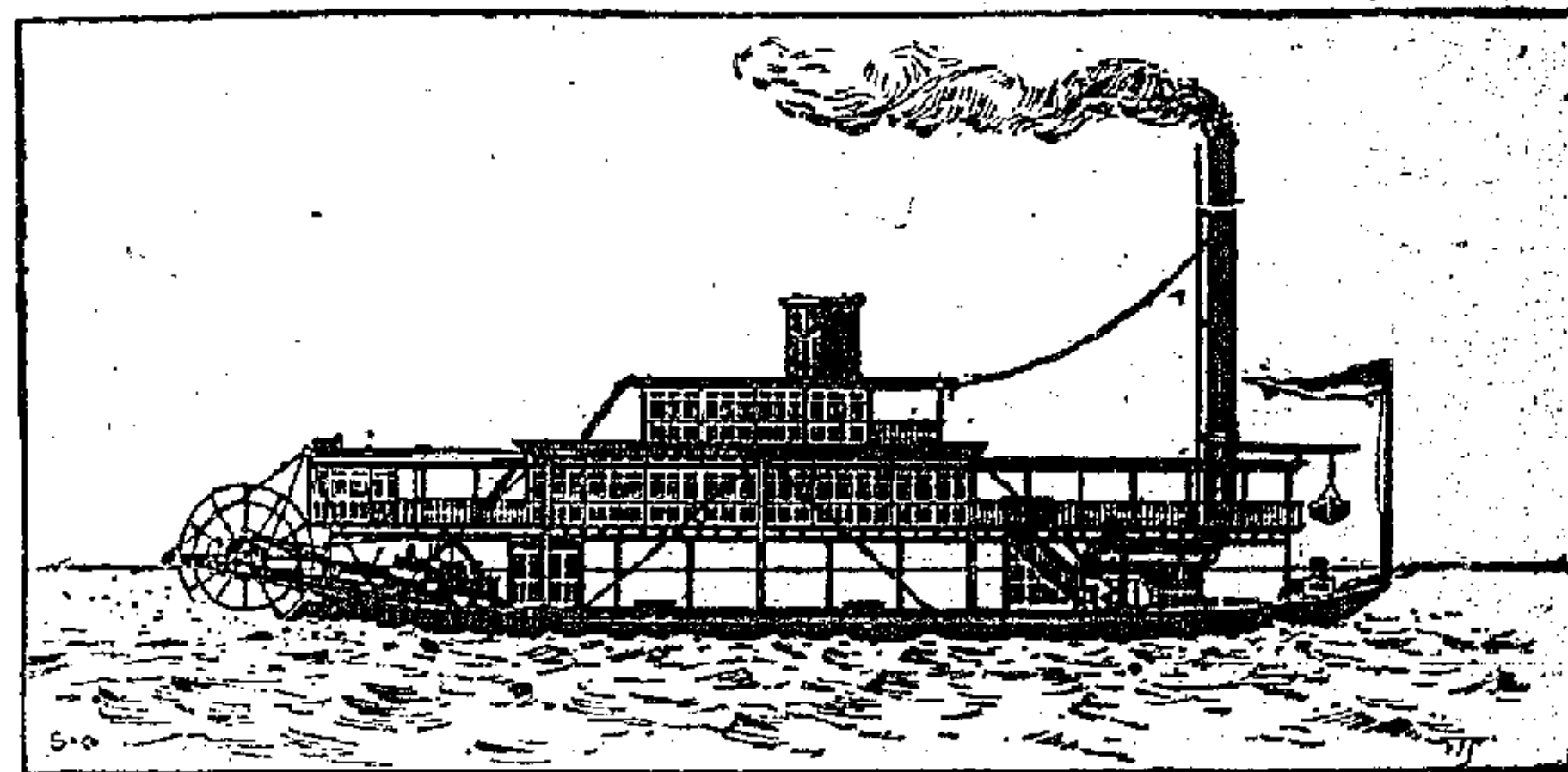
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

* * * July 19.

I am not in London, and I prefer not to say where I am. It is a quiet little village more than a hundred miles from the heart of the world, and for five days I have seen no newspaper and have sedulously concealed my address from the Postal authorities. That is the only way to take a holiday. The world is an idle man. The moment one rests, however well earned his quietude may be, the world is prompt to persecute him. It follows him into his retirement with blatant bands, tortures him on to parched piers with pertinacious "Pierrots" and fustian minstrels of sordid aspect. If he seek a solitude, the world turns of it, and runs an excursion train thither with some thousands of perspiring trippers, who scatter empty bottles and greasy sandwich papers over the works of nature, and pursue each other spitefully through the forest glades with shrieks of strident laughter. The world is so certain that it is not good for a man to be alone, that it would promptly advertise for any unfortunate who had the good sense and courage to simply disappear for a fortnight, telling no one of his locality and actions during that period. There is no place left in this island to which a man can retreat for a few days without the restlessness following him up with their intolerable amusements. I have succeeded as well as I deserve by lying in a couple of pounds of tobacco (to make me independent of mortal man for food, recreation and society) and running down to this village, a hamlet of six houses scattered over fifty acres of ground five miles from a little wayside station whose name Bradshaw ignores.

Behind me are wooded slopes, and before me the land rolls in green undulations to the sea three miles distant. I listen acutely and hear no sound of man, only the hark's song above and the murmur and chirping of insects around and beneath. At my side a sand wasp is betting desperately with a spider for the possession of the burrow it occupies, and for the moment their struggle is far more important than the contest for the leadership of the Liberal party. Yellow-jackets have the advantage of his stings, and very venomous it looks as he darts hither and thither and curves his little form to bring the spiteful little stiletto into play, but against this hairy-legs has his powerful jaws, and the poor wasp knows well that his sting is at the end of him. Nevertheless he fights well, and is determined to enter the burrow somehow. Even as I raise myself on my elbow to watch the battle more closely, it is over, and the wasp has entered the burrow, not as victor but as victim. In the last vain thrust he made at the tough shell of his foe, the recovery was not prompt enough, and the spider seized him and is now dragging him in to devour at his leisure.

The sky over Capri and the blue waves that have Posilipo are no brighter than sky and sea here on this glorious day, and the grass is certainly greener in England than at Naples. Why do people go to the Continent for their holiday? Surely in the annual rush of Britons to France, Switzerland, Germany and Italy lies part of the reason why our own country has an undeserved reputation for unattractiveness. Foreigners say "What must the poor fellows of our country be like when they are so eager to escape it, that they willingly encounter all the discomforts of our inquisitorial custom-house, our wretched train service, our extortionate hotels, the difficulties of the jargons we call languages, and the insults of our Pro-Bourgeois populations?" There is no rest in the ordinary tour programme with its week on the Rhine, its scurry through Lombardy, or its peep at the Matthehorn. I verily believe that many an unhappy John Bull undergoes the martyrdom of the excursion simply that Mrs. J. B. may boast of it afterwards and say that she has visited this or that place—as if she could not say it without.

Another reason why men go abroad is because there are so many Cooks and Gages to do their thinking for them, to bargain for their tickets, to map out routes and pay hotel bills. By the help of these philanthropists, a man can have a Continental trip nearly as cheap and not much more uncomfortable than if he thought it out for himself and took pains to acquire a few phrases of the language. Our own land, if we but knew it, is the fairest in the world, and for one man never happy beyond the sea.

To enjoy a holiday one must take it alone. This requires some courage even to suggest, but it is the sound truth. Wherever one goes there will be little inconveniences to be endured, and if one has no one to grumble to, why, one does not grumble. The rest-seeker soon wears of both complaining and hearing complaints, even from the most of lips. Then, again, alone one need make no plans. My own ideal is to put a definite number of sovereigns (half-sovereigns are handy) into my pocket, and come back when they are spent. Companionship is delightful, but at times it pulls, while to the philosophic mind the only rest that never grows tedious is an escape from men—ay, and from women also—to smoke the pipe of amiable aloofness. Tedious after a time, say you? Well, when you weary of it, you have had as much rest as is good for you, and may return to the anti-hill again to rub untemper with your feverish fellow-insects. Shadow and dust are we all, said Horace, and it is not well sometimes to part company from the dust and the shadows, and come out into the clear air and the sunshine. I know well that in a day or two more this mood will

pass away from me, and I shall be speeding back to the realm of the daily papers and the electric tramway, but while it endures there is naught so precious as *solus in mundo*. I know and appreciate the joys of travel with a sympathetic companion, but what I revel in now is peace. For a week or so, the seething world of men, with their infinite pettinesses, is no more to me than the battles of wasps and spiders.

I could accumulate instances from Scripture in support of the advantages of periods of such restful retirement in the course of a busy life, but I refrain lest such quotations should seem irrelevant among the idle jottings of an idle journalist. But in literature we may recall the early life of Siddhartha in "The Light of Asia," passages from "Lancelot and Elaine," and Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark." If men would but practise it, there might be a Truce of God annually, one fortnight in which no man should rob his neighbour, but every man take himself into a corner and think or smoke and at all events be harmless for a while.

But now it is noon by the short-hand shadow of the poplar, and an inward craving disturbs me amid my selfish musings and awakes me to the remembrance that my fellow mortals are of some use, even if I am of none. There are bakers among them and cloth-makers and even brewers, and I would not justly interrupt a friend. Plain living and high thinking were Wordsworth's panacea for many ills bodily and ghostly, and I must live, though for a day or two I need not think.

SHIPWRECKED JAPANESE.

Rescue by the "Chingta."

Mr. M. Kato, the Japanese Consul at this port, courteously sends us the following information:—Eight shipwrecked Japanese seamen were rescued and brought to this Port by the British transport *Chingta*, which entered the harbour on the 13th inst. from Yaku. The seamen were taken on board of about 150 tons from Osaka to Keelung in Formosa, when they encountered a typhoon on the 1st inst. At this time they were off the coast of Okinawa Island, the largest of the *Loosha* group. The large drifted about helplessly in the open sea for eight days. The storm stripped her of sails, mast, and everything movable on deck, and the food and water were nearly exhausted. On the morning of the 9th August, they were picked up by the *Chingta* in 33° 15' N., 123° 55' E., about 100 miles from Shanghai.

The rescued men speak very highly of the kindness of Captain Williams, and the officers and crew of the transport. They were also well treated by the military officers and troops who were travelling by the steamer. Captain Williams, they said, was very indulgent when the men told him of a steamer with black hull and yellow funnel which met the disabled large two days before, and, instead of making an offer of assistance, callously steamed away.

UNIVERSAL TRADING CO., LTD.

The first ordinary annual meeting of the Universal Trading Co., Limited, was held at noon today. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie was in the chair, and there were also present—Messrs. R. E. Kelly, Wong Chuk Yee, Chou Siu Ki, Ip Lan Chuen, Lau Chu Pak, and H. A. Meyer.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I shall, with your permission, take them as read. I trust you are all satisfied with the result of the year's working. Considering that it is the first year of the Company's existence, we can be congratulated that we have begun well, and let us hope that as time goes on we shall improve our position and get even better results. The Company's affairs are in a sound and prosperous condition, and there is nothing calling for special comment. If any shareholder, however, has any question to ask, I shall be happy to answer it. No questions were asked, and the Chairman moved that the report and accounts as presented be passed.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak seconded.

On the motion of Mr. Chou Siu Ki seconded by Mr. Ip Lan Chuen, Mr. W. H. Potts was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance, and intimated that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday.

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THE INTERPORT CRICKET WEEK.

We hear from outside sources that the Straits think the Hongkong Cricket Club very sporting to challenge them again at cricket this season, so they are sending up even a stronger XI. than three years ago. We also hear that a certain member who played in all the prominent matches in Hongkong last season would not be good enough to be in the first twenty-two in Shanghai, where he has been stationed during the summer.

Now that Hongkong cricketers know what they have to expect, they will no doubt do their utmost to brace up and try to come out on top. At the present moment, it certainly looks as though Hongkong had a very poor show indeed, but, after all, *esprit de corps* is a great deal, and we are quite sure every cricketer in Hongkong to a man will do his best to forward the best interests of the game and show to the Colony that although they may be beaten they will not be disgraced.

Regarding the Hongkong Cricket XI, there are several rumours of new blood. We trust the Colonials will show up a little more than they have done of late years. There are fresh arrivals every Mail into the Colony, and surely some of the new men know how to handle a bat. We hear there is every likelihood of Mr. Hancock (of Canton), an old Member of the H.K.C. Club, being able to give his services (if required) to the Club. This would be a distinct advantage, if he can get practice, for we all remember him as a very excellent all-round cricketer.

It is also rumoured that there are two good cricketers coming out to the Royal Welch Fusiliers. We hope this is correct. This Regiment has already done a good deal for Hongkong cricket, and we shall be glad to see them well represented in the forthcoming Interport Matches. Major Dyson, A.P.D., has always shown himself a good steady cricketer, both at batting and fielding. Major Durehill, R.A., is another very good all-round cricketer, and also Mr. F. Maitland, who heads the batting averages for last season. We hear the latter is about to resign his membership as a bachelor after the Interport Cricket Week. We hope to see him at his best in his last matches as a bachelor. The Hon. T. Sercombe Smith is so well known to everyone that, of course, it goes without saying his services will be invaluable. He has certainly done more for Hongkong Cricket than anyone in the Colony. Mr. E. East is a veteran of Greece's style. On his day he can show much younger men how to get runs. We are glad to see Mr. Hugh Arthur has returned to the Colony, after an absence of about three years. Everyone will remember him not only as a very excellent wicket-keeper but as one who won the match three years ago against Shanghai along with Mr. P. A. Cox. We trust he will get back to his old form. There are rumours of others, but 'let them all come.' Hongkong have a big game to play, and although they may be beaten let them make a fight of it. We feel sure that they will. Time is drawing near; the matches will take place in November next. We know Hongkong will give the visitors the good old Eastern hospitality, but at the same time let them also give a good game. Even though our opponents may be superior, we do not want them to go away without getting something to play for. We are not so sure that Hongkong C.C. will go down so very easily. It entirely depends on how the members rally for practice. We can only repeat 'Let them all come,' and even if those who come are not played in the team they will have done good by encouraging others who are better.

We believe there are representatives of tennis, golf, billiards, shooting, in fact, every kind of sport, coming from both the Straits and Shanghai, so that Hongkong will be able to look forward to one of the most interesting sporting weeks the Colony has had for many years.

It is evident that some interesting play, as will be seen from the following remarks of Mr. H. Port at the annual meeting of the Singapore C.C. on the 9th inst.:

Another matter he wished to refer to was the cricket to take place during the coming year. About two or three months ago, Hongkong had written asking the Club to bring a team up to Hongkong composed of players representing Singapore, Penang and the Native States, to play their Club and that of Shanghai. In consequence of answers received from Penang, Selangor and Penang, the invitation had been accepted and the date of the first match fixed for November 11th. He (the President) hoped the team they would send up from this country to meet the Hongkong and Shanghai teams would prove as successful as the last team that went up there from the Straits. As to the selection of players, it was proposed that this should be carried out on the same lines as on the last occasion, namely, that Selangor, Penang and Penang should be invited to select thirteen men of gentlemen whom they consider most eligible to be invited to play and that the S.C.C. would also like to say that a China team (Hongkong and Shanghai) and one from Ceylon had been invited to visit the Straits next Chinese New Year. That invitation had been considered, though no definite answer had as yet been given as to whether they were able, or not, to accept the invitation, though he would say that the invitation had received the cordial support of the Selangor Cricket Club and he hoped all Members of the S.C.C. would heartily concur with him in trusting that both invitations would be accepted.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held in the City Hall to-day. Mr. R. Sheehan, Chairman, presided, and the others present were: Sir Thomas Jackson (Chief Manager), Hon. J. J. Bell Irving, P. Witkowski, A. J. Raymond, D. M. Moss, A. Haupt, N. A. Siohs, H. E. Tomkins, H. Schilburt, R. L. Richardson, H. W. Slade (Director), Messrs. S. A. Joseph, R. C. Wilcox, J. H. Cox, P. Henderson, Captain Tillet, E. George, F. Maitland, C. S. Sharp, R. K. Leigh, J. A. Jupp, S. Hancock, C. Palmer, A. G. Wood, W. H. Potts, E. D. Sanders, J. C. Peter, V. C. Hawkins, K. A. Chingy, J. A. Chingy, G. C. C. Master, A. Sharp, D. A. Gublay, H. M. H. Nemmeze, G. L. Tomlin, E. Ezra, M. H. Michael, M. Stewart, L. Lysaught, G. H. Melhurst, L. Berindagte, D. D. Guzman, C. J. Gonzalez, Hy Fook, Lo Chung Shiu, Lau Wai Chun, Sam Kum Sui and others.

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the Chief Manager, the Chairman read the second annual report of the Court of Directors, already published, after which he said:—Gentlemen, the Report just read represents a very prosperous state of affairs of the Bank. It is a source of congratulation to the Court of Directors that the business of the Bank has been interfered so little with the ordinary profitable course of our business. It shows the great vitality of the China trade that we are able to present to you such a favourable report as the present one. Now that business in the North is gradually assuming normal conditions, we can look forward to the future with much less anxiety than we have recently experienced. Taking advantage of the large figures we had to deal with, we proposed to our shareholders to pay a dividend of \$100,000, which we have now reduced to \$110,000, and we think that our doing so will meet with the unanimous approval of all our friends. It is to be hoped and expected that the foreign trade of China will be a steadily progressing one. True, we may also expect steady growth, but we must not expect the competition in the future to be so keen as it has been. The best way to meet such a state of affairs is to be in a strong financial position, and that we have steadily aimed at with, as I hope you will admit, gratifying success. Turning to the figures of the Report, 'Notes in Circulation' are almost exactly the same as they were on the 31st December last, while 'Fixed Deposits and Current Accounts,' in both gold and silver, show a moderate increase. 'Bills Payable' show a decrease of over five of a half million of dollars. At the same time, 'Bills Receivable' show an increase of over six millions of dollars. The falling off in the amount of 'Bills Payable' is accounted for by the increasing amount of drawings being done by Telegraph Transfer. Cash and Bullion in hand and in transit aggregated \$4,087,742, about the same as on the 31st of December last. Our holdings were largely in excess of our requirements at both dates owing to exceptional circumstances. The securities representing our Sterling Reserve of one million pounds were almost exactly as stated in the previous Report. Much as gold-edged securities have fallen, they still show a handsome margin on the lowest quotations recently touched. You will observe that, for the sake of uniformity, the 2300,000 for them five of a half million of dollars. The Bank of England, which is a special London Reserve, are now entered at the same price as the rest of the 22 per cent. Consols and the National War Loan, namely at 90 in- stead of 95 as in previous accounts. The will be held under the heading of 'Consols, Colonial and other securities' and, where necessary, written down to the prices ruling on the 30th June. The aggregate amount is about £100,000 less than our holdings on the 31st December last, and almost the same as on the 30th of June. The Bank of England, which is a special London Reserve, are now entered at the same price as the rest of the 22 per cent. Consols and the National War Loan, namely at 90 in- stead of 95 as in previous accounts. The will be held under the heading of 'Consols, Colonial and other securities' and, where necessary, written down to the prices ruling on the 30th June. The aggregate amount is about £100,000 less than our holdings on the 31st December last, and almost the same as on the 30th of June.

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